WILL URGE ITS HELP FOR TEACHERS' PENSION LAW

Committee on Schools Issues Report in Which Chamber of Commerce Assistance Is Suggested.

That the Chamber of Commerce should assist teachers in the public schools of the District of Columbia to have Congress pass a retirement law for superannuated teachers is to be urged at the next meeting of the organization by the committee on schools, headed by Charles W. Clagett. In a report which has just been completed it is pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce several years ago took a stand favoring pensions for teachers who have grown old in the service. The report just adopted declares that The report just adopted declares that "the committee feels that the interest of the people of Washington require that the Chamber of Commerce should exert fiself to have a teachers' retirement bill passed by Congress." It points out that many corporations provide pensions for oid and trusted employes. The report urges that "what is good business for corporations and individuals is good business for the District of Columbia," and that "an appeal to justice and humanity which is heard by corporations and business men should be heard by Congress."

Saying that the reasons for making

provisions for old age by municipalities are stronger than the motives actuating corporations, the report continues:

Best Teachers for Students.

"To give the student the best opportunity to become a useful citizen it is essential that he be taught by a strong and vigorous teacher: that no part of and vigorous teacher; that no part of and vigorous teacher; that no part of his short period of training be wasted by having teachers who are inefficient by reason of old age and the inroads of disease. Such teachers are bound to be in a service where the salaries are so small that their annual expenditures equal their entire earnings. Under these circumstances experience has shown that such teachers will remain in the service.

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"It is too much to expect that after they have given their vigor, youth and mature womanhood in instructing our children they will be 'fired out' on the system to make way for young blood. Human nature is not built that way. No man with a conscience would throw such a teacher out to starve. Effort would be made to find less exacting labor; a disposition would be developed to accept less efficient results rather than do so inhuman a thing.

No Place for Inefficiency.

"This is not only true of the District school system, but is true of every school system without adequate retirement law, and is true of every department of the government. In the education of the young there is no place for inefficiency; it is no place for the old and infirm. Justice to the children requires that the teaching force should be well trained mentally and physically strong, vigorous and virile. To have such a force, provisions must be made for the aged and infirm.

"When this provision is made, the board of education will not hesitate to remove from the service those whose efficiency has been impaired by the weight of years and to bring young and fresh blood into the school system. We, therefore, urge that Congress enact an adequate teachers' retirement law. Justice to the children demand it; humanity to the teachers requires it." ment law, and is true of every depart-

BITTERLY FIGHT 'DRY' FRANCE

Powerful Liquor Interests Arrayed Against Premier Briand's Proposal. PARIS. December 22.—Premier

Briand's proposal to suppress the manufacture and sale of spirits, which is generally approved by the public, is being fought tooth and nail by the powerful liquor trade interests.

The National Wine and Spirit Trade Association at a special meeting has passed a resolution strongly condemning the premier's proposal. Among the Shaving Brush and Mug Sets arguments advanced at the meeting was that the measure dissolves the sacred union of the country before the foe by attacking one class of citizens, that it is a violation of the right of every citizen to trade and that amounts to

It also was urged that those affected would be entitled by law to indemnities which would swallow up hundreds of millions of francs and that the measure millions of francs and that the measure would suppress one of the most lucrative branches of France's export trade. The loss to the home revenue by such a step was estimated at a billion francs a year and it was declared that it would injure 2.000,000 farmers and vine growers, 530,000 business firms and throw 1,000,000 wage-garners out of throw 1,000,000 wage-earners out of

IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

Changes in Personnel Announced. Result of Recent Collision.

Changes in the lighthouse service in the fifth district are announced by the authorities as follows: Joseph A. Stowe of Friscoe, N. C., has been appointed a second assistant keeper and assigned to duty at the Smith point station, Virginia side of the mouth of the Potomac. He succeeds W. L. Carawan, resigned.

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Mate George C. Danuels has been transferred from lightship No. 46 on the tail of the Horseshoe station, Chesapeake bay, to lightship No. 80 on the Cape Lookout station, North Carolina coast, in place of C. H. Lowenhjelm, promoted to master and to the command of lightship No. 49.

The Danish motor ship Oregon was the vessel that ran into lightship No. 161, on the Cape Charles station. The bow of No. 161 was damaged to the extent of about \$1,500, but the injury is all above water and she can remain on the station until an opportune time to restation until an opportune time to re-

station until an opportune time to re-lieve her comes. The Oregon was not injured in the collision. No. 101 is a new ship and has been in service but a few weeks.

To Load Pyrites at Mine Pier.

To load several hundred tons of pyrites for the sulphuric acid making plant at Alexandria the covered lighter of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company was yesterday sent to Quantico creek to take on cargo at the Cabin Branch mine pier. As yet most of the output of the Cabin Branch pyrites mine is being used at the Alexandria plant, but within a short time, it is stated, the output of the mine will be greatly increased and the material will be shipped in vessels and barges to Norfolk and Baltimore acid making plants. It is also stated that early in the coming year the shipment of pyrites by the Austin Run mine in Stafford county, Va., from the pier of the company at Cole landing on Aquia creek will be started. Quantico creek to take on cargo at

London Times May Increase Price.

LONDON, December 22.—The Times, which recently raised its price from two to three cents, has notified its readers that there will probably be a further increase, owing to the restrictions on the importation of paper and paper-making materials and the shortage of labor.

National Assembly Plan Killed.

PARIS, December 22.-The proposal to form a national assembly of the chamber and senate has been killed. The committee of deputies to which this proposition for a revision of the constitution was referred rejected the scheme.

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At the eleventh hour this store's stocks are intact, generous, perfectly complete and immensely varied; for we haven't allowed them to run low for want of ample provision. No one need go without a gift. Come early as possible and make your selection.

Angora Skating Sets Reduced

So smart, warm and comfortable Prompt Deliveries every woman and young miss wants one. We will deliver everything bought tomorrow in time for Christmas. An augmented de-livery service assures every one purchasing gifts Satur-day that their packages will reach their destination safely and on time. Made of soft, brushed worsted, in plain colors and bordered effects, in all shades. Each one neatly boxed for giving. Neckwear Department-First Floor.

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To accommodate hundreds of our patrons in office who

Our Men's Furnishings

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Wouldn't your daughter be delighted to find

Styles are the very newest, materials in-

Wool Velour, Boucle Cloth, Oxford

Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets

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Brush Comb and Mirror Sets.

quadruple silver plate: large round

embossed designs, in French gray

finish. Complete in cloth-lined

Silver Cloth Brushes

at 98c

Satin Collars, in round, sailor and fancy shapes; large variety

to choose from at 50c.
Ostrich Feather Boas, long, fluffy fibers, finished with tassel ends; white, white and black, and

black and white. Value, \$3.00, at

Combination Marabout and Ostrich Capes of six strands, in black and natural. Value, \$5.98,

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Made entirely of combed

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Six pairs in a holly box, \$9c. Each half dozen pairs come in plain black, or black, white and gray assorted. All sizes, \$1½ to \$11½.

(Men's Furnishings Department-First Floor.)

Boudoir Caps

Neatly Boxed

At 50c

We have the largest and most complete assortment of Boudoir Caps in the city. A very acceptable Christmas gift. Made of crepe de chine and messaline silk, combined with fine shadow laces, dainty nets, ribbon bows and rosebuds; also Shadow Lace Dutch Caps, trimmed with ribbon borders. In an endless variety of styles.

Plaids, in light and dark colors; Wool

Plaids, Corduroy and Mannish Mixtures.

Models with full flare from the shoulders, some with

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Novelty mixtures and plain colors of navy blue, green, brown, etc. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

a stylish coat among her presents Christmas

morning? This sale affords an unusual chance

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Plenty of men to wait on you. Quick service.

clude the following:

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Military and Toilet Sets

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UNLIMITED ASSORTMENTS OF DAINTY NECKFIXINGS

READY FOR LAST-MINUTE SHOPPERS

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Values Worth Up to \$10.00,

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Sterling Silver Military Sets

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Sterling Silver Military Sets, with comb, fine quality bristle brushes and heavy sterling silver mount-

at \$1.19

Georgette Crepe Collars, tuck-

ed, embroidered and hemstitched,

in round, sailor and fancy shapes,

Flowered Chiffon and Crepe de

Chine Evening Scaris, with hem-stitched ends, lovely designs; Regularly \$2.50, at \$1.89.

Broadcloth Cut Work Collar

and Cuff Sets, in round and sailor

(Neckwear Department, 1st Floor.

Gift Ribbons for

Hair Bows

Come tomorrow and complete

your gift list from these special values in Ribbons for hair bows-

the savings are bigger than ever

Beautiful Plain and Fancy Rib-

bons, in widths up to 5 inches, of fine quality moires, satins, Dresdens, stripes and satin edge taffetas, in a complete line of colors. Val-

Beautiful Ribbons, in widths up to 7 inches, suitable for making bags, hair bows and sashes. In flowered effects, in light and dark colorings; also Brocade Ribbons, in dainty shades, fine moires and other kinds. Values worth up to 55c yard... 33c

Gift Stationery at

Reduced Prices

50c Gold Edge Correspondence Cards, finest linen quality; boxed.

\$2.60 Dictionaries, of seal grain leather; 900 pages; each one boxed. 89c.

\$1.00 Playing Cards, gold edge, in leather case. 49c.

\$2.00 Owl Book Racks, of burnished brass; 21 inches long. 89e

75c Gift Cabinets of Linen Writing Paper and Correspondence Cards. 59c.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Fountain Pens, plain and self-fillers; with 14-kt. gold point. 98c.

59c Christmas Cards and Book-lets, envelopes to match. Two for 5c.

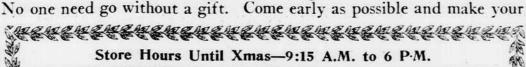
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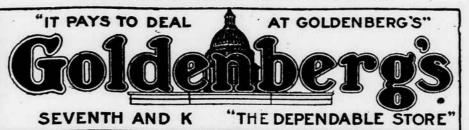
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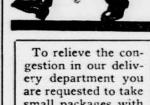




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Set of Six Knives, plain han-., \$1.59 Cold Meat Forks, each, at ... 49c

A Gift Everybody Likes to Receive **SLIPPERS**

Women's Comfort Slippers, in value, 39c. Women's Siesta Slippers, in

pink, gray, red, green, lavender and cerise; sizes 3 to 6, 69c. Daniel Green "Comfy" Slippers, with padded soles; in blue, lavender, red, orchid, old rose

and gray; sizes 3 to 7. \$1.50. Women's Felt Juliets, fur and ribbon trimmed; in red, gray, wine, purple, brown and black; sizes 3 to 8, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Children's Felt Juliets, with leather or elk soles; in red and blue; fur and cord trimmed styles; sizes 6 to 10½ at 75c, sizes 11 to 2 at 85c.

sizes 6 to 11. \$1.25 to \$2.50. Men's Romeo House Slippers, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

A List of Sensible Gift Offerings in

Wearables for Children

Our Third Floor Juvenile Department is full of practical

gifts for little and big girls—every one of the well known standard for high quality this store enjoys, and all marked at the low-

Book Department-First Floor. Reduced Prices on Our Remaining Stocks of

Men's Bath Robes & Smoking Jackets



Men's 75c Combination Sets

Men's Combination Sets, con-

sisting of pair of Suspenders and

pair of Garters to match-marked

Men's 50c Sets, 39c

Silk Handkerchief and pair of

Onyx" Silk Fiber Hose-a use-

Combination Sets, consisting of

at 50c

Money-Saving Advantages for Last-Minute Buyers

In order to close out the balance of our holiday lines of Men's Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets by Christmas eve we've slashed the prices deeply. For late buyers this clearance sale affords an extraordinary chance to save money on gifts sure to please a man the best

Assortments are fairly complete-there are so many different styles to choose from that no matter what you pick the recipient is certain to be delighted.

Clearance of Smoking Jackets \$5.00 to \$6.00 Values \$6.50 and \$7.00 Values

Made of All-wool Golf Cloth, the pocket flap cuffs and lapels finished from reverse side of

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Men's Gloves at \$1.15

skin Gloves, in grays and tans;

Men's Neglige Shirts, 59c

A man can always use plenty of shirts, so you will make no mistake if you decide upon such a gift. These are good quality

percales, with laundered or soit cuffs; big variety of desirable pat-

terns to select from, in all sizes

Men's Lined Mocha and Dog-

perfectly finished; choice of a good assortment of desirable colors and designs. every one well made and perfectly tailored. Men's Silk Neckwear

at 29c to \$2.00 Men's Silk Neckwear, flowing end four-in-hand style; in all this season's newest and most approved effects

Men's Neglige Shirts at \$1.15 Men's Plaited Bosom Neglige Shirts of best quality, fast color percales. Worth \$1.50 each.

Men's Pajamas, 98c Good quality Domet Flannel Pajamas, of heavy weight material, perfect fitting and full cut All sizes ..

Men's "Notair" Sweaters at \$2.98

Men's \$4.00 Blanket Bath Robes

Reduced to \$2.95

backs; full round collar, heavy waist girdle and cord at neck. To be closed out tomorrow at \$2.95

Men's \$5.00 Bath and Lounging

Robes Reduced to \$3.79

Full cut, roomy Bath and Lounging Robes made of Beacon and other heavy blanket cloths

Men's Blanket Bath Robes, with pleated

Men's Genuine Notair Sweat-ers. V neck style; made with guaranteed buttonholes; in grays, brown and navy blue.

Women's White Lingerie Waists Gift Handkerchiefs Aplenty FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN—AND SPECIAL VALUES THAT MAKE THIS THE LOGICAL



New Lots Join Our Great Showing of Charming Models

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Some one on your feminine gift list would appreciate a Waist selected from this group at one dollar. Prettier styles and better values than usually associated with such a moderate price.

Materials are Voile, Batiste, Corded Dimity, Dotted Swiss, Organdy and Striped and Checked Voiles, with fronts of filet lace and Swiss em-broidery, others in plain tailored styles and dozother styles sure to please a woman. Sizes 36 to 46. (Waist Department.

PLACE TO BUY Women's Boxed Handkerchiefs,

25c, 29c, 49c and 98c An immense assortment styles to choose from—and at each price a superior value.

Women's Lace-Edge Handkerchiefs. Special at 121/2c Each Dainty, Sheer Quality Hand-kerchiefs for women; with fine val laces in wide and narrow ei-

(Handkerchief Dept., First Floor.)

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Superior Quality Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs—a very special value at 25c each, or \$1.50 a half dozen in box. Men's Linen Initial

Handkerchiefs, 15c Each. Six in Box, 90c Men's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, full size and good quality; hemstitched border. Excep-

est possible prices. Suggestions:

ionl value for the money.

Men's Slippers, black and tan leathers; opera and Eyerett cut;

Men's 75c Everett Slippers of leatherette; black and tan; 6 to 11, at 59c pair.

Boys' Mackinaws, Suits and O'coats



Surely a boy will be pleased to receive a new suit, overcoat or mackinaw on Christmas morning -and as the result of several favorable purchases you can come tomorrow and select these practical gifts at splendid savings. The sale includes the following:

Boys' Plaid Mackinaws, in new, bright colorings; of heavy winter weight; Pinch Back style with skate or patch pocket; sizes 7 to 17 years.

Boys' Winter-weight Norfolk Suits, of tweeds and cassimeres, in Pinch and plait models; full lined Knickerbocker pants. Sizes 7 to 18 years.

Boys' Long Overcoats, of Fancy Tweeds, in plaids and block patterns; convertible collar and plaid inner lining. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Pure Worsted Serge Norfolk Suits at \$4.98

Boys' Strictly Pure Worsted Navy Blue Serge Norfolk Suits, with full-lined Knickerbocker pants; guaranteed not to fade. Seams taped to prevent ripping. Sizes 7 to 17 years.

The most attractive styles for little fellows from 212 to 8 years. Navy blue serge material, in regulation sailor shape.

> Silk Four-in-Hands (boxed). 25c Tan Raincoats, with hat to match; 6 to 18 years \$2.85 Two-pants Norfolk Suits ... \$5.98 All-wool Mackinaws, new models; 7 to 18 years ... \$8.50

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Silk Petticoats

Specially Priced \$2.98

New arrival of women's

Taffeta Silk Petticoats, made

with stylish flounces; beau-

tiful changeable colors. A

Fine grade Taffeta Silk Petti-

Fine Muslin Petticoats, with

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flounces of imported embroidery and val laces. New and dainty

in handsome new colors; made

syles. 98c to \$1.98.

gift of service and sense.

Boys' Navy Blue Serge Middy Sailor. Hats, 98c

Girls' Middy Blouses in allwhite and trimmed with navy blue; all sizes, at 98c. Children's Flannelette Sleeping Garments, extra quality; in assorted stripes, with and without feet. 49c.

Children's Rompers of ging ham and chambray, in light and dark colors; all sizes, 49c. Girls' Dresses of good quality gingham, in plaids and plain col-ors, 98c.

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Girls' Beacon Bath Robes, in a variety of attractive colors; sizes 6 to 14 years, \$1.98.

Little Tots' Beacon Bath Robes, in light and dark colors; large variety of styles; sizes 2 to 5 years, 98c.

Little Girls' Coats of cordurory, chinchilla and broadcloth, in the newest styles; sizes 2 to 8 years, \$4.98 to \$9.98.

Girls' Brushed Wool Angora Sets of scarf and toque, in pret-ty colorings, \$1.49 and \$1.98. Girls' Angora Wool and Knit-ted Toques, in beautiful shades, also white, 59c.

Girls' All-Wool Sweaters,

belted style, with roll collars and pockets, assorted colors; sizes 6 to 12 years, \$2.29 and

to 8 years. \$4.98 to \$9.98. Girls' Raincoats of tan poplin. guaranteed waterproof; complete with tam-o'-shapter bat; 6 to 14 years. Special, \$2.93.

Girls' Dresses of fine quality rep in new, smart models; pink, blue and white; 6 to 14 years, \$2.49 and \$2.98.

Little Tots' Dresses of fine quality white lawn, trimmed with lace and embroidery; dainty styles; 2 to 6 years. 98c.

Juvenile Department-Third Floor.

Another Big Shipment Just In-

Women's Beacon Lounging Robes On Sale Tomorrow

Late Christmas shoppers will not be disappointed when they come for these sensible gifts tomorrow-for just-arrived shipments make our stock perfectly complete. They are genuine Beacon Blanket Robes, in red, blue, gray and tan, with satintrimmed collars. Large selection of new patterns sure to please: Special value at \$2.49.

in attractive floral patterns, medium colors, 69c. Women's All-Wool Golf Vests,

and \$1.98.

in stylish weave; white, Oxford and black; all sizes, \$1.25, \$1.49

Other styles at prices up to \$5.98.

Mercerized Sateen Petticoats, Women's Flannelette Sacques,

Women's Eiderdown Sacques, in gray with scalloped collars; warm and serviceable, \$1.19. Women's Fine Wool Spencers, in Copenhagen, rose and white; without sleeves, \$1.25; with sleeves. \$1.98.

quadruple silver plate; large mug with porcelain cup; complete in cloth-lined case. Silver Cloth Brushes, large size, good quality bristle brushes, with heavy quadruple silver plate mountings; many rich designs. Regularly \$1.50. Solid Gold Hat Pins, Pair at 49c Solid Gold Hat Pins, neat attractive styles; each pin bearing the factory stamp. Pair in neat Jewelry Dept., First Floor

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lining.

Cut Glass Fern Dishes, with

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